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SUBJECT: GOJ EFFORTS TO INCREASE DOMESTIC REVENUES

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1. THERE FOLLOWS A LIST OF MEASURES THAT THE GOJ HAS TAKEN
IN 1976 AND 1977 TO INCREASE DOMESTIC REVENUES. INCLUDED
ARE ESTIMATED ANNUAL GOJ REVENUE INCREASES RESULTING FROM THESE
MEASURES WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

1976	MILLION JDS
INCREASE IN GASOLINE PRICES	6.0
INCREASE IN TAX ON TOBACO PRODUCTS	0.7
INCREASE IN INCOME TAX ON CORPORATIONS	1.0
INCREASE IN PORT FEES	1.5
INCREASE N LANDS REGISTRATION FEES	1.0
INCREASE IN PROFESSIONAL LISCENSES	0.4
INCREASE IN STUDENT EXAMINATION FEES	0.3
INCREASE IN PRODUCTION TAX ON CEMENT	2.0
(5 JD PER TON)	
INCREASE IN FREE ZONE FEES	0.2
INCREASE IN TRANSPORTATION TAXES	1.1
INCREASE IN WATER RATES	
INCREASE IN ELECTRICITY RATES	

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ROADS SERVICES TAX (OUTSIDE MUNICIPAL ZONES)	4.0
JORDANIAN UNIVERSITIES LAW	0.3
INCREASE OF TELEPHONE SERVICES RATES	0.5
INCREASE IN GASOLINE PRICES	3.8
TOTAL	22.8

2. WHILE MEASURES DESCRIBED ABOVE ARE CERTAINLY LAUDABLE, MEASURES TO INCREASE REVENUES FROM DIRECT TAXATION ARE NOTICEABLE ABSENT. GOJ REMAINS COMMITTED TO INCREASED ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCY IN COLLECTION OF REVENUES FROM DIRECT TAXATION RATHER THAN IN-STITUTION OF NEW TAXES OR INCREASED TAX RATES. WHILE PERSONAL AND CORPORATE INCOME TAXES MAY INCREASED TAX RATES. WHILE PERSONAL AND CORPORATE INCOME TAXES MAY INCREASE BY 30-0/0 IN 1977 OVER 1976 COLLECTION, THEY WILL PROBABLY BE LESS THAN PROJECTED IN 1977 BUDGET LAW AND RUN A POOR SECOND TO CUSTOMS DUTIES. THESE WILL PROBABLY ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 50-0/0 OF ALL REVENUE OF WHICH APPROXIMATELY 0.6 MILLION JD WILL ACCRUE TO JORDAN PETROLEUM REFINERY. COLLECTIONS FROM DOMESTIC SOURCES. PICKERING

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